Kansas City, Missouri
Dec 1 1869

Dear Bro Jackson

Yours of Nov 26 is at hand, as also one a few days since with the note from Dr Patterson of his son. Also I received one recently from Mr Ballman of Allegany Seminary suggested by you. For all these I thank you. In reply to the last I can say that just now I have no point prospering for a supply. I shall, in a few days know much more about certain fields in Kansas & I think shall need several men. The field is wide & promis-

promising, & I hope to do something towards supplying it. If you will direct some of those applicants to me I shall probably be able in a short time to make good use of them at any rate I shall be glad to know of them.

I have assumed a station over & watch over the late O.S. churches in Kansas, by correspondence with the brethren & other ways & shall continue to do so until some other arrangement is made for this - usefully.

I shall be glad to hear from you always & know of your success

Yours fraternally
J Hill

Brooklyn Dec 2. 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

received
your letter on the 30. November
but was unexpectedly
prevented from getting
the check until this
morning. We feel very
sorry to hear of your
want of success while
East. Please find enclosed
a certified check for $200.
to your order. With best
wishes for yourself & family.
and the cause you represent.

I am yours truly

John [illegible]

Algona December 2nd 1869

Dear Bro Jackson.

I received your very kind note last Eve. very glad to hear from you indeed. I should have written to you before this but hardly knew where to find you. I should like to have seen you before Nebraska but did not get your letter in time. According to your request I visited this field. Found the people very much discouraged. And if they had not been cared for would have disorganised. The congregationalists had made all arrangements for caring for them It seemed providential for us that we moved when we did or to all human appearances our cause would have been lost in all this region. We have lost many important families as it is but Still we have a few faithfull left. And if a faithfull and devoted Missionary can be kept on the ground we have reason to believe that by the blessing of God attending his labours there may be at no distant day Some three churches

in this town and the adyoining country. This may apear to some absurd. but it is an object that we have just reason to hope for. Algona is destined to be quite a place at no distant day. and there is quite a friendly feeling toward us; even among the other denominations. with the exception of or good old congregational bro treats me rather cool at times. Now dear bro I do not wish you for a moment to think that I am holding myself up as the proper one for this field. It was no field of my own seeking. As you well know. But the people and the presbytery seemed determined that I should remain. The people are doeing their utmost apperently more than they are able to do to support me. bro Chasm felt sure that the board would grant $400 But they cut it down $50 This is very discouraging. if I could live without aid I would be the last one to ask for it. But it is very expensive here and it will be impossible for me to live after [illegible] the strictest economy on less than $500 all the place I can get to board is at a hotell and do my studying on the bar room

Every house in the place is filled with people. But I have not time to write more at present. It is hard to write in a crowded bar-room. And afterwards tell what you are writing. It rejoices my heart to hear afresh that you are still caring for me with the many others that you have sent out. May Heavens richest blessings rest upon your self-denying labors in behalf of the many that are perishing for the preached word. Articles of clothing would be very acceptable. Of almost any description that would be convenient for any one to send. As I have worn the clothing that I have pretty bare and have not laid in any as yet from the fact that I am rather short of means And I am opposed to going in debt in a new place as long as I can help it And our good people here are entirely destitute of money. And perhaps will be the coming winter. You wish me to give some description of myself. My height is about 5 feet 10 inches weight from 175 to 180. width across the shoulders 21 inches length of arms 25 inches. Around the waist 41 inches. Size of collar 15½ etc. I make no selections. But will always be

Thankfull for labors of Every Kind
I leave the matter of clothing to your discretion
I am at your hand to be for labors. wounded
Scuffer before I would. By the Blessing of god
I will remain on the field As long as I can
I hope I Shall ever have an interest in
your prayers. I Shall be glad to hear
from you at any time From your Bro
in X t

J M.C. McDonald

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New-York, Dec. 2, 1867.

Dear Bro. Jackson-

I have Yours, enclosing the Algoma. McDonald paper.

I had been looking at Algoma on the map not an hour before your letter came in. It is unquestionably an important point. It ought not to be lost. We have a man at Plymouth Cherokee & Stony Lake- We ought to hold Algoma.

But what can we do? I cannot interfere with Dr. Musgrave. I cannot supplement his work- It will hardly do for us

to come in after him
& take up the man he has
offered but $580, & offer
him $600. If we would
do that we might have
all his men on our hands.
I do not know what to do.

You had better confer
with Carroll & Campbell.
Perhaps you can devise
some method of saving it.
If the R.R. fund & Reiner
is due to Fort Dodge. Bro.
Campbell could rush it
most easily – But still
it is O.S. in an O.S. Pres-
bytery – & we ought to help
Manuel & ff. But you
may see what you can
do – Perhaps you will
need the letter to use. So I en-
close it. Yours truly H. Kendall

240 MADISON AVENUE,

New York, Dec 1st 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

My dear Sir.

I was sorry not to see you again, before you left the city. I delivered the manuscript to Messrs. Sheldon. I received your note dated on Thanksgiving days at Brooklyn, and regret sincerely to learn of your embarassments. At present, I cannot conveniently contribute to your relief, my benevolent fund being mostly appropriated for some weeks to come. I will keep the case in mind and hope that your faith may be encouraged and strengthened. I consulted with Dr. Murray, and he in turn spoke to Dr. Hall, in reference to your case. Neither of them, however felt at liberty to attempt any thing in your behalf. If you have not written to other friends here, I would suggest your doing so, or I will speak to some of the brethren myself by and bye. Wishing you much success in your

self denying labors

Remain

Yours Sincerely

H. H. Corning.

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Chicago, Dec 4 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson.
Council Bluffs Iowa

Rev Dear Sir

Your favor of the 2nd ult is this day rec'd. This is the first day that any intimation has been rec'd from Mr Wilson of Rowlings that the Church had arrived. Shall then commence at once to put up Church work as soon as other help can be obtained and that quickly work will be made.

The Cheyenne Church can be in Cheyenne by the time the Rowlings Church is done.

You will recollect that you were to give me some Chicago Inds Bus paper if any time was spared. and when last down you told me that you should have all the money for first cost of Churches ordered by Dec 1. 1869 and probably by Nov 15. 1869

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Chicago, ... 18

Please write me fully and anything I can do to make your position a success I assure you that it will be done

I am kept out of $2500. now by an Iowa Building for public purposes. Give me your time one year now and unless I can obtain some note that can be cashed and will be paid when due. (I do not doubt it) I cannot see your plan complied with. You mentioned July 1st 1870. as the limit for which time now 60 days is all my banks will allow as cannot for obtain 60 day note from some responsible of Cheyenne.

Yours Very Respy

Lyman Bridges

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Chicago, ... 18

Shan. wished me $500 in this enterprise and am cooperating with you heartily with a view of putting up. two or more buyers the seven already mentioned It is better both for you and me that these matters be arranged with a perfect and through business arrangement.

The only contingency mentioned by you about the Cheyenne people all moving away before the Church is reached you is probably right but you can easily obtain a hundred solid members to guarantee me paid in each of these seven churches or the Cheyenne Church alone

I will purchase tickets for two men on Monday and send them on Tuesday to Rawlings. Charley and Byron. When the Cheyenne Church is organized two men more

Do I understand that when the Rawlings Church is up you will get $1400. and when the Cheyenne Church is up you will get $1500 & 1600 from

Elizabeth N.J.
Dec. 6, 1849

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Bro:-

I spoke to the ladies & the propriety of paying Mr. Hamilton's expenses to the field of his labors, but they did not feel inclined to attempt it. They are now receiving two persons & wish to give them acquainting work to do. Then Mr. H. has a brother-in-law & relatives who are amply able to pay his expenses & he best withdraw feeling to.

If any church in this

town should take up Bro. H. it should be the first, where he was brought up & where his friends all are.

The money coming in for your tent. Some may have been Bro. H. something directly contrary to my knowledge. I was sorry not to see you the last time you were at our home.

Our ladies have taken great pains to our good Bro. Hoshing Rao. They are preparing some little things for him & his wife that we are not usually given our missionaries. I encouraged them with all my heart in all they do.

My wife joins me in sending kind regards Fraternally yours
W. C. Roberts

Allegheny City Penna.
Dec 8th 1869.

Rev Dr Riley:

Dear Sir: Seeing in Advance Banner your name and address and thought I would write to you concerning the work in Peru. How do you like it? What are the prospects in Peru? Do you know anything of the Lord's partners? Do you know of a situation anywhere in the West where I could labor this Summer? I will be licensed about the middle of April. I would like to get to work by the first of May. I would like to get a place to preach both if I could. I have a design to read a Lecture

of the Dress and would like to make plans of it this summer. Will you please so kind as to write to me and give me your experience and time and any information you have concerning the work.

Dan[illegible] is getting good health and is taking drawing in Seminary. Laura is in Leechburg last Summer. Sicks are generally unusually about here. Nothing new or strange has transpired—

Give my regards to—

Mrs Steele.

Yours Very Truly,

J. P. Anderson

Bully Hill

N.B.

Most of the Senior class are making arrangements to go to Latrobe during the next Spring

J. P. A

Grand Island, N

Vicksburg, Miss. 11th Jan 1867

Rev. Sheldon Clark,

Dear Sir, Having at
long since in the U.S. Army [illegible]
was in U.S. service during the war & the
Home Missionary Society seeking aid
to establish [illegible] I do hereby
desire to donate my pay for that object
without waiting for a special call to our
church & Pastor which [illegible] to
establish [illegible] & that I may be
permitted & prepared in some way to
labor for the Lord. Expecting shortly to be
in Vicksburg, you will please receive and
acknowledge the receipt of this by return
of [illegible]

Yours truly
[illegible]

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Chicago, 11 December 1869

Mr Sheldon Jr Esqr
Council Bluffs Ioma

Dear Sir

Your Chimney is now ready for Shipment as per your original agreement and I am waiting for you to come to Chicago to see about it. Please come by next train as I am always right here

Yours Respy
Lyman Bridges
Steam

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Chicago, Mar 12 1880

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Care of W F Thompson
Cheyenne W T

Rev Dear Sir The balance of the Rawlings Ch will be very acceptable. The Cheyenne Church is now being marked for shipment

You know that first payment for Cheyenne Ch and the balance due for Rawlings Ch please have it under way for us as it will be very acceptable

Respy Yours.

Lyman Bridges

Fremont 13 Dec

Dear Bro

I learn that a Cong. Ch. was organized at Schuyler Sab. The Pres. Nova Scotia Settlement have their preacher and preaching at K. P. Schuyler Schuyler Have rented a hall — Have but few families now expect a large addition this Spring — From Nova Scotia & intend to connect with our Pres. — a good preacher — no foreign accent — Perhaps you might obtain his services for Columbus

Bro Gaylord is trying to secure a man for

Columbus Co. Ga.

These are facts as I gathered them on the cars — Could not Gleland visit Columbus & Carroll or you can not. He could have more influence than I can, with our leaders inducing Cong. Pres. to connect as by talk & doing —

Your Bro
John L Gaye

10 Members at S. Island —
Installed elder for 3 years
I may be engaged
next week at Blair —
[illegible] in the Ky Baptist this week

Nebraska City Dec 13. 69.

To Rev Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Brother:

I have now been here since first 2 left you last Friday a week ago. Yesterday week I preached to the people, as it was supposed I would when we parted, and we had good congregations morning and evening. Yesterday also I preached morning and evening and there is an appointment out for next Sabbath week and it is proposed to celebrate the communion, which implies a couple of services previously to Sabbath. I was induced to stop here for two reasons:- One was the very kind offer Bro McCann made me of having a home in his family during the winter, and the other was that I thought I saw an opening

for serving the cause of Presbyterianism which I supposed needed immediate improvement. I may have been mistaken, but perhaps the sequel will tell. It would suit my circumstances and my feelings to be settled over this people, & I believe that with the blessing of God and the cooperation of the people my labours would be for the good of the Cause of Christ. But I cannot see my way clear to go before them as a Candidate for the pulpit with the [illegible] that generally prevail upon that subject. And as my circumstances are peculiar in the [illegible] I hope I may be able to connect myself with presbytery as soon as possible and begin my labours in some of the destitute places under the patronage of the Board. There is an open field and an undisputed Call; and for what better would it be to enter such a field, depending upon a Father, rich in mercy and with the surrounding resources, for a support

rather than to enter a union where there is so often a contest, on the part of the people on the one hand, to obtain the gospel as cheaply as possible, and on that of the Minister on the other to worry out as large a reluctant support as the circumstances will admit. I have no idea that a union with this people would be of such a nature. I believe them to be a noble and a generous body of working christians as much so as any I have ever met. But I speak with reference to pulpit-hunting in general.

If there has been a meeting of Presbytery called please let me know when and where it will take place. And may I have your prayers, my dear Brother that wherever I may be called the helping of God may attend my labours.

Remember me very kindly to your dear family and also to Bro Clemens family.

Yours Bro. in Christ. W. E. Hamilton.

P. S. As I was about to close it was suggested that you be invited to come and be with us on the coming Sabbath. The Church would be glad to welcome you and I would be more than glad to see you.

Yours truly

W. E. Hamilton.

Adel. Dec 14/69

Dear Bro. Jackson

The enclosed papers came while I was away from home consequently have had to wait.

Can not Bro. McDonnell go to Algona & hold on until May on the Cont. of Salary & Commission it only lacks $50 of the Cont. applied for. Perhaps the Chs of Ft. Dodge Pres. can take up the thing & give collections to make up the $50. Soon as the boards Consolidate I have no doubt a Salary of $700 will be given to the Man at that point.

Perhaps you can put your hand into some rich Mans pocket & from acquaintance you have made & draw out the needed Amount. The Court

wish I knew for Dr. Musgrave so that he may never have to preach the gospel & keep a wife & family in Iowa on $5-50—

Kindall knows it can't be done — but his position is a very delicate one just now—

I wish Bro. McD. could live 6 months without eating just to bridge over the interregnum —

What can we do for him — Is there no other place within 30 miles to connect with Algona & raise a few dollars? —

Are you acquainted in that region —

If it is necessary I will try & go up there — but as K. says we must keep hands off a little longer Unless men are going to starve to death or worse —

Bro. Carole writes me in

regard to Upton - I dont think that ch. ought to come to our house for a Colony at this late day - It ought to be a strong ch. & able to live six months on half a loaf - if that is all Dr Musgrave can give it.

Let us not run the Chs, or the men across the lines so long as there are any lines remaining when it is not necessary - It looks like making the Dollars & Cents too prominent - but let us all hereafter insist that every man have a living [illegible] honestly judged by our Committees of Presbytery - No more cutting down applications. It is horrible

Yours &c

McCampbell

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Chicago, December 15 1869

Lea S Jackson
Council Bluffs Iowa

Dear Sir

I shall be at home on the 24th inst and should be pleased to see you in Chicago, and trust we can arrange some terms to the satisfaction of both parties

Yours Respy
Lyman Bridges
Store

Chicago Dec 16. 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Council Bluffs Ia.

Dear Sir; I have at Mr Bridges request sent out two men last week to Rawlings to put up the church there. Be kind enough to inform me how they are to be paid and what arrangements has been made for that purpose Mr Bridges is not at home this week a reply by return mail will oblige

Yours Respectfully

John W Eyer

243 North Wells St

Rev. Justin Morse Butler
Care M. E. Church
Mills Co. Missouri

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Adams Express
Any place
Care of
Presbyterian
Rev. Co-
Pastor please
our people
very much
like to hear
Sister Butler
sing and
pray in our
Sabbath
Prayer meeting

Sidney, Fremont Co. Iowa—

Dec. 17th 1869

Bro. Jackson,

I write to you to know whether you could give me some assistance during the week of prayer, and be with me over the 1st Sabbath (9th) of Jany. I presume the services will be Union in part at least. I would like to have you here, if it is possible for you to come — to be here as early as Thursday the 6th and continue, or remain till the next Monday, or longer, if it would be deemed advisable to continue the meetings — Please let me

hear from you soon—
We wish to know the sacra-
ment" administered on the
2d sabbath, and unless I
can know you with me
I cannot know it done—
The people of Sidney will
be much pleased to know
you come— I will preach
next sabbath eve at Hom-
burg, I told brother Cleland
that I had written session
of Neb. City, giving them the
name of a student in Alle-
gheny Seminary— I do not know
whether they will write to the
Profs. as I requested them to
do, to learn whether they would
recommend him—
If he should not be
invited to Neb. City, I am
exceedingly anxious that

he would Come to some one of our new towns, I think he might Come to Homburg. He wants to Come West if duty Calls. His father asked me if we had any fields in our Pro- Going & promising, Homburg is bound to be a good point,

Let me know whether any arrangements are being made to supply Homburg and if there is not, I would like to Correspond with my Cousin, for he is my Cousin, in reference to Homburg, if Neb. City will not invite him—

I returned on Wednesday eve from Florinda, I was preaching for Bro. Hunter,

His pleasant meetings - but it was unfavorable -

I found in coming over the prairies on my return, that the wind sweeps over them fairly violently. I thought that an extra over coat would be a nice thing. I do not feel, however, that I could very well afford to get what might be termed a great coat. I have been incurring expenses in getting fixed up here - Could you suggest any plan by which I could get one. I believe you asked the brethren at Rushtown to give their names if they wished their wood to be replenished. I have to travel or lose back - Let me hear from you on this point. I must also have a good rubber coat for wet weather, the great coat & rubber coat are necessary to equip me - We put our Church building under Contract this week - May God smile propitiously on the enterprise

Nebraska City Dec' 20th 62.

Dear Bro Jackson:

I closed last night my labours here and start for St Joseph in the morning. D.V. I should have probably continued here during the winter but for the expected visit of Bro Painter to Salt Lake and perhaps for longer time. This was not anticipated when I arrived here and it is expected that I would be here at least the month, but news came on Sunday morning that he would not be here this week. I go to St Joseph to see my Niece Mrs Berghaus and for a little recreation as I have not been out of the pulpit but three Sabbaths this year notwithstanding all my travels and sickness. I have preached here eight times and administered

those members any prosperity and hold communion - The meetings yesterday were very solemn and especially last night and it made me anxious to continue at least another Sabbath, but the Lords will be done.

I send you my credentials and I hope you will have me commissioned as soon as possible as I am so anxious to be with something for my family - Send me word also, if you please, where to commence my labours - I am willing to commence immediately if it be the will Providence and you can address me at St Joseph Missouri. I would not take the time to go there but I feel so anxious to see a familiar face and hold sweet Communion with some old friends -

I presume it will make no difference that my letter is directed to the Bishop

[illegible] of Elizabeth. I [illegible] it to day
it was very [illegible] then.
Dr Brandreth's note explains itself.
The matter will be one of some little
[illegible] I pay and if I can
early conscientious I can draw upon
some funds in anticipation of my
first granting instalment =
My Kind regards to Your Dear
Family and Bro Cleland —
Yours in the Gospel.
Wm E. Hamilton —

Since writing the above I have
thought I would like to visit Bell
now as it is a place which if I
cant I suppose I would have
no opportunity in. seeing. Thompson
advises me upon that point and
do not write me as above directed.
I go to this place — I think I will
return by Friday —
Wm E Hamilton

Sidney, Fremont Co. Iowa.
Dec. 21st 1869

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Your letter of the 20th
to hand. Could you, providence
permitting, be here on the 4th
Sabbath of Jany? We only have
the Church on alternate Sabbaths.
I wish to have a series of meet-
ings, and desire very much
that you could be with me
at least a few days & over the
Sabbath. If you think you
could come I would defer the
meeting till the Friday before the
4th Sabbath of Jany. Please let
me hear from you as to this
proposition. Brother West and
I was with you in Sept, I wld.
send for Bro. Baird but he has

been absent so much at the two last assemblies.
I think the way is fast preparing for an organization of a church at Hinsburg. Perhaps you could so arrange to organize by the latter part of June. I preached there on last Sabbath to quite a good audience, will preach in two weeks again. I deem the field important, and will be pleased to see a good man on it as soon as can be arranged.

I went, on last Saturday, as agent for the Trustees, 14 miles to see a man that owns a lot here that we wished to secure for a church lot. I succeeded in purchasing it. It is now the finest lot for a ch. in town. I think the Church owned two before

just west in some block -
They will be nice for a pas-
senger - If we could interest
some good body in the east to
build us a passenger it would
be nice -

As to overcoat &c. How do you
get them through the Board
of S. M.? If find I will mail
one, I rode 25 miles last
Sabbath, I could send my
measure as required to be
taken by Watchmaker - I
have his instructions
The Board of S. M. only Com-
missioned me for #300 - They
recommended #400,

You Can write me further
about overcoat, If it would al-
ways be Calm I could get along
without an extra overcoat, but
that Can not be expected,

I alone never had the pleasure
of meeting with Mrs Jackson,
or I would say remember me to
her — I hope to enjoy that pleas-
ure before many months.
Remember me to Bro. & Mrs,
Cleland,
Your brother in Xt.
M. C. Wilson,

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Chicago, Dec 21 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson.
Council Bluffs. Iowa

Dear Sir

Your long and short letters rec'd. Your remark that you will not endorse for any one or ask any one to do so for you. is quer. when you ask me to practically to endorse for the whole amount.

Now. I do not think that it will be the most difficult matter to get such endorsement as you require here. and as you will want the sensible look. seat. which it will take time also to build. I will make you this proposition

If you will send me. your note for $2000. to be paid when building is enclosed. and for $1000. when building is finished and ready for sitting and direct me to furnish sittings as above making one note for $1000. in Ten months after completion of bldg and $1000. note in three months after the building is furnished with sittings Making notes $1000 each of $2000 in all you have to sign $3000 now. I will try and see what influence I can bring to bear here. Your not calling before Dec 1. ult as you expected has of course prevented

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as full cooperation as possibly & therein needs
you can send said notes by Express. enclosed
please find some blanks filled out & Cancel
use them for your estimate they will be
promptly returned to you
Please state in your letter that you
have $2000. ready when the building is up
and that you will take care of the
[illegible] and the importance of having this
good Class church built & therefore
write the letter so that I can show it
as a gentleman that the foundation is in
& to now and that the Church Society are
trusting unpaluably to state also which the
Examination how Church was my recollection
is that the Epis Catholic Congregational
Lutheran Church was built
I may possibly be in Council Bluffs
on my way to Omaha. com. Please answer by return
mail
Yours Resp
Yours Att Lo

Nebraska City Dec' 22. 1859.

My Dear Bro' Jackson:

I am a thousand times obliged to you for the spirit you manifest of candour and christian feeling. I have sent to you my letter of disipline and presume it has reached you before this time. I was just about writing you to make me an appointment for Corning next Lords day but it was rejected that it was too late and I thereupon concluded to go to St Joseph as it would not be well for me to remain here after the

work was done for which
I was sent here of the Great
Head of the Church.
You may send word that,
Providence permitting I will
be at Corning next Lord's day
week.
I am not going to St
Joseph to work a field of la
bour—
Yours Brother in Christ—
Wm. E. Pomeroy.

S Richmore

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Hon Sheldon Jackson
Council Bluffs. Iowa.

My Dear Sir

Yours of 14th inst as well as the R.R. Guide, for which I am much obliged — I shall give your letter to Mr Coakley next week — he will have collection taken up next month after which you will hear from us —

Yours truly

Joseph Skidmore

Sioux City Dec 22nd 1869

Rev'd Sheldon Jackson,
Council Bluffs Iowa.
Reverend & Dear Sir,

Our Church has been making an effort to call a Pastor to supply the pulpit, as will be seen from the minutes of the meeting held last evening, a copy of which we inclose, requesting your action and Co-operation.

We do not hesitate to say that $ could and would be raised towards the support of the man of our choice, and we believe that through his instrumentality, and the Divine blessing, large accessions would soon be made to our Church, and our best judgment would say that the prospect of becoming self supporting in a comparatively short space of time is very flattering.

We remain Sir,

Your Obedient Servants

A C Sheetz

Office of District Secretary of Home Missions,

45 Madison Street,

Chicago Ill., Dec 22 1864

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro:

Rev.
Mr. Olin of Huron Dak. writes
me that a man is wanted
at Sioux City — he leaving
definitely declined going there.
There is a gentleman in 1st Presb
Church, Rev Geo. P. Stearns,
with considerable knowledge
of both the place & the men.
I can with a good deal
of confidence recommend
to the people. He would
probably visit them & decide.
There is an excellent, capable, prudent, earnest, working

brother here, just-you remember
a call — Rev. E. K. Davis, He
used to be connected with the
Y. M. C. A. here, & until
very recently taught school. I can
not speak positively as to his
character, beyond that
he is in both respectable —
not brilliant, but sound & trustworthy.
He was born in the town
of Jonesboro Tenn. & I think.
He wants to go to S. C. on visiting
& his expenses there, (&
also, if you think best?)
I am told, at Denver, that
one accommodation is wanted
on that region. May [illegible]
the Spirit guide
you.
Yours truly
J. H. Trumbull.

Mission House, 907 Arch St.
Philadelphia, Dec. 23. 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Brother:- Your request contain-ed in your letter of the 4th inst., that the Board would defray your traveling expenses in addition to your salary of $1500., was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee and by them respectfully declined. We have no doubt that your traveling expenses have been very great, as you have voluntarily traveled extensively outside of the field assigned to you, and in the prosecution of a work which the General Assembly has confided to another Board. The leaving of your field and occupying your time in raising funds in the city of New York for Church buildings without the authority of the Board of Domestic Missions and without having even conferred with the Executive Committee previously, is disapproved of; and I have been instructed to request you hereafter to restrict your labors to the field and the work to which you were commissioned

You say that the Rev. Mr. Wilson "has taken charge of

Columbus & Grand Island on Pacific R.R. Rev. John D. Gage has taken charge of the Fremont & Blair Churches on the same road." We are not advised whether those brethren expect to receive aid from the Board or not — as yet, we have recd no application for their appointment.

We have forwarded a commission to the Rev. H. B. Peck at Cheyenne and will pay him for three months labor from Oct. 15th to Janry. 15th, $250.

We will endeavor to procure clothing for the brethren whose names you have recently sent us, but at this late period of the year it is difficult to succeed, as nearly all the Churches have made their arrangements for the season. Please send us a list of the names of missionaries desiring clothing which you have furnished either to individuals or churches so that we may not give the same names to other churches and thus duplicate boxes.

You say that you hope the Churches will enable the Board to send out a large number of missionaries next Spring. We regret to say that from present appearances the Board will find it difficult to sustain the missionaries that are now in Commission. When I made a comparison on Monday last, I found that our receipts as compared with the corresponding period of last year had fallen off more than twenty-eight thousand dollars, and unless the Churches do better during the two remaining months of the fiscal year, the

Board will be compelled to contract rather than expand its operations. In view of the present financial condition of the Board, the Committee have directed me to instruct you not to encourage expectations which cannot be realized, and especially not to commit the Board to any appointment or appropriation without previously consulting the Committee and obtaining their authorization.

Enclosed you will please find a check for the quarter's salary due January 1st. 1870.

With kind regards,

Fraternally Yours,

G. W. Musgrave.

Sec'y.

G. M. Swan

Falls City Neb.

1869

Falls City
Richardson
Co. Neb
1869
Dec 23rd

lot of them seemed to consider this a fine country. The old country got them to Sulve we know or where you were going to raise the $600 !

My great concern was to do the work that I had undertaken to do knowing that Bro Weldin & God was a responsible Bro & were occupying a responsible position. I would have all things right & I did not like well for you to make an earnest appeal to the Board on behalf of this County.

Shall return to Twin with what ever we will raise for the Board for present in this day or we did not be better for you to come again a few days or a month or two from this time & see the gathered Richardson County & present the matter before the people & in case you prevailing $300 from the Board & nothing of anything the people may owe me for my services the first day of April 1900 shall be satisfied. I believe that you can secure that amt for that time much easier than you for the year. Of course the latter might be better; we do just as you think best we have a great work to perform here in preparing the way for the organization of a living church where three Sabbath organizations have through negligence died. Prospects (are) some what better than when I wrote before. Please write often & send your encouraging words & interesting & important prayers. I ask the Master to give me more faith that I may work well doing your whole will. Geo McDonell Swan

Los Angeles Dec 24. 69.

Dear Bro Jackson.

Your favor rec'd this morning. If my goods have arrived at your place, will you please have them reshipped immediately to Care J. B. Roberts San Francisco Cal. - as we have the most urgent need of them.

I am sorry I did not rightly understand the nature of that money. I reported my expenses to Dr K - as $200 less than they actually were, in dependance upon an amount which I thought your were so placed as to conveniently spare in the

general church work - Still I may be able to rectify it. by writing to the Dr.

I could write you much of interest from this point, but my wife is quite ill. & I am nurse, cook, preacher at the same time - so have no more time just now.

I am seriously alarmed about my wife.

Yours in Christ
W.C. Harding

John Creath

Groveport O.

Dec. 25. 1867.

Rev. J. H. Eland.

Dr. Bro.

Will you please give me all the information you can in reference to Lincoln Neb.? I have for prudential reasons resigned my pastorate here. & am anxious to settle in the West. The obstacle which has been in the way of my removing in the West eighteen months ago is, & ought to be removed. I had then a great desire to go to Lincoln, & if the door is yet open. I may

be ready to commence
laboring there in January
proximo. We have been
thinking seriously of Ham-
burg previously to my no-
ticing this notice and sin-
cerely is yet unmotivated.
Please write me immedi-
ately.
Would write to Bro. Jack-
son, but he might not be
able to reply directly.
Yours in Christ.
John Creath.

Atlanta Ga. Dec 2, 1866

Dear Brother Jackson

I cannot tell you how grateful we were for the gift so recently from you on Christmas morning. It made the day a much happier one than I expected it to be. It kept us from feeling very lonely. We miss you very much, but we are encouraged in our work, for Methodist brethren never join in opposition to the one here. Our Sabbath is their Sabbath, I think this will be a great help. Sunk better than the 4th. I will preach once on the first Sabbath here, perhaps at Green Hill & in a neighborhood four miles, where there is a Methodist Presbyterian settlement & one, Episcopal Presently -

I received a kind letter from Mr. Whitney from Ga - I was

Algona Dec 27/64

Dear Jackson:

Yours of the 17th came to hand some days since and I take this moment to reply. I am desirous to see you at home for the field. There is a deal of hard work to do there. And there is reason to hope that by the blessing of God we may see a glorious day. Take a fine protestant Church there. Or perish! 2 Cor 4. My ministry can be sustained in the field. And I dont perceive

can
shall like at least
respectable can be for
the [illegible] practice the
strictest economy I have not
worked a horse as yet
but will have to buy and
buy it I dont feel able
to buy or hire as
I especially sent
here by your request.
I pray I dont feel
like letting go of your
these trying times.
as yet heard nothing
of any as yet if
I had a good
of clothing I might perhaps
get along some way
pinch but it is
very expensive living here
and the people is the
[illegible] Sincerely

I fear more than it will be possible. But perhaps I am too much for looking on the dark side of the picture. I like the tone of Campbell's letter and think with him that there should be no crossing of lines while there is any to be left. I should like to have it so. Yours, Jim But for that reason perhaps it would not be expedient at present. As it is in the 2d Mass. Field and expects to visit me as soon as possible. He professes to be a great friend of mine, being very intimate with my Father. He is a good boy but the plain truth is he is like too many of our good Brethren

must go in the at
track. And Mr [illegible]
me the [illegible]
which I am very thankful
for. It is a shame that
our Branch cannot help our
then missionaries through the
winter. But as to the pres-
ent Port Hedge the truth is
there is not much to it is they
are all mist[illegible] reches. I
wish you could visit us
[illegible] And I think that you
would feel as interested
as I. by God help us must
[illegible] These perils
[illegible] presbyterianism come
at present. Let me hear from
you. Ever Your B[illegible] in Christ
[illegible]

Adel. Dec 28/69.

Dear Bro. Jackson.

Your Note Enclosing Mr. Musgrave's Mo last Manifesto is recd. Since which I have painfully recd the Resolutions of the Dom. Bd. in regard to the Synod of Minnesota - Lyons & Wilson &c -

What folly now to be thus engaged in War - We need to pray for Patience & Charity towards those good brethren.

The last order is - for us to send on the applications of Gage Wilson & M. Hughs. to our Committee who will forward them to the Dom. Bd. & if They (The Bd.) do the fair thing all right - if not the Com will stand between them & us

Herm - Let the applica
tions for Wilson & Gage go
on at once Each Estimated
on its own Merits & needs -
and I will send out one
for Hughs from Des Moines
Pres. Since Atlantic is
heretofore Known as in
our bounds -

Kendall suggests that
those brethren remain
their own presbyteries - &
they can do as much for
them there as if they chan
by giving a little time -

Jones the young man
recently on from N.Y. has
gone into the South part
of the State - Winterset -

Yours truly

McCaughey

Rock Island Ill
Dec. 28th 69

Dear Bro. Jackson

Yours was rec'd. I am sorry that the Ch. cannot be built before Spring. Under the circumstances do you not think it better for me to go to Lincoln about the middle of next month? You may expect me the 15th of Jan. My wife will be in Council Bluffs about the 25th of Jan. In the mean time I propose to go to L—, & make all possible arrangements for our future settlement at that pt. — I have just rec'd my Commission from the Bd. Don. Mags with a kind note from Dr. Musgrave.

Of course I am willing to be guided by your advice in my proposed removal to L—, & patiently await your instructions. I should be glad to hear from Mrs. Kennedy in reply to my letter some time ago. I have intimated to the people of Laramie, my departure from this region & while they express their regret for it, & pray that you will send them a good & efficient man, who will keep up the interest already felt in me. With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson & all friends, & wishing you all a Happy New Year — I am as Ever Yours fraternally

W. P. Peck.

Dec. 29 1869

Dear Bro Jackson

I will not object to receiving / Evangelist — I presume I shall have to pay it / Observer unless / unknown friend subscribes again.

I do not see why Bro Carroll means — I have been on my field 3 months & / application just sent — I make no rash promises — but I somewhat doubt whether a living support will be granted — I hope to start / Bluffs next week or / week following

I am well — Love to Bro &

Yours &c —

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Chicago, Dec 29 1867

Mr Shelton Jackson
Council Bluffs Iowa

Dear Sir

Have inserted your plans to a prominent member of the First Presbyterian Church whom I know personal for 12 or 15 yrs. who will interest himself and the Denomination in your behalf and who has no doubt but that your plans can be all satisfactorily Made both Bryan and myself will come there so as to be there on Monday morning of any week, and may be few days after we come.

If you come about Jany 1st so it will be best as the Ministers have a meeting on Each Monday and this Gentleman says he will introduce you there to start with

If you cannot come sign and send the blank notes you have and will see how I succeed with them

Respectfully Yours

Lyman Bridges

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(ASTOR HOUSE BLOCK)
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New-York, Dec. 27. 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Eastman
Dear Brother

I am pleased
copy Correspondence to you & Commission
sent to Rev. H. D. Harding, & become mis-
sionary to Humboldt Co. at $1500 Salary.
This is in accordance with
the plan of another H. Co. Missiona-
ry who has a large family.

We have done this because the point
seemed to be important & the man all
right. Tho we considered the case as com-
ing fairly within the scope of the arrange-
ment made with Dr. Musgrave, of which
you speak in your last letter as having been
shown you by Bro. Carroll.

We sent the case to the Board of Do-
mestic Missions, & it was returned
to us with the following action of the
Board. "As Mr. Harding has gone to Cal-
ifornia without a Commission from this
Board & without having communicated
with us, the Ex. Committee have no ju-

possibility I will not, under the circumstances, assume responsibility. (1) The present financial condition of the Board will not warrant them in undertaking a mission so expensive, and (2) Because if our financial condition were much better than it is the Committee would be averse to removing from Rio [illegible] at Los Angeles at such a cost."

Dr. Musgrave also adds that as compared with last year at this time, "the receipts of the Board have fallen off more than twenty-eight thousand dollars," and that "unless the churches do much better during the remaining months of the year the Board will not be able to meet liabilities already incurred."

So we took up the case.

You will have occasion to write to Mrs. H. Please tell her that our rules will require that he shall connect himself with a Methodist Society at the earliest opportunity. Has not

the Board throw the case back on us - he might have remained still in your connection. This is a small matter with Mr. Brinkerhoff accomplished - & I would not insist on it to control a conscience. for Mrs. H. But he had better do it - &

5. Have you seen the Copyright of Last Night? The Resolution passed in the House of Commons about Mrs. Syrett. "Yes" Thursday. What does it mean?

6. I have found no opportunity to visit Mrs. Wilson. Hence I return the paper you sent me.

7. I am anxious to have the names of G.T. Wilson. Hamilton & Hughes forwarded with applications for visits - We do not want them to come from U.S. Penitentiaries, but remain where they are. If you receive the applications please return them. If they do not [illegible] but send them back as they have [illegible]

we should probably interpose as we have in his case. But we need such cases to balance what we have done. For we commissioned 4 new school men last week, & labor in U.S. churches exclusively & promised them January $1500. to join us for one month.

Yours truly
H. Kendall

1869 ?

Rev Sheldon Jackson.

I inclose $15.00 from the Infant S. S. of the Presbyterian Church for furnishing papers for the School at Ft Moint. Iowa

To Mr Gage to whom you appropriated the $75 I sent provided for in the future Col Smith might think fit to do something more perhaps should you write that Mr Gage has my consent. Read. I am very much interested in your letters giving an account of your Western tours. Surely if the Christians at the East could see as you see they would be excited to more generous contributes.

I wish it were possible for our Church to follow the Romanist in their care of the Children. Could devoted Presbyterian teachers (females) be sent out and schools established we might have strong hope for the future. More can be done by looking after and training the Children.

We should like to send some money from our little school to some school in the far West. Does Mr Gage need a small sum?

I wish we were doing more to aid you in your great work. I think you are to be envied the important work in which you are engaged

Our ladies will soon be ready to commence the preparation of hops, and some appeal to them might more than be a greater work this coming winter.

Yours respectfully
C. C. Condit.